

# **Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee Meeting**

## **Summary**

### **April 16, 2009**

**Members Present:** Jon Lourie, Bob Middleton, Carmen Camacho, Nancy Schwiesow, Jennifer Nettles, Neal Blake, Robert Zeender, Ernest Bland and Kay Weston

**Guest:** Rick Siebert, Steve Nash, Benjamin Stutz, Jane Redicker, John Marcolin, Elza Hisel-McCoy, Jim Rogers and Mike Gerecht

**Staff:** Roylene Roberts, Vicki Lockerman, Yvette Freeman and Susan Hoffmann, Mel Tull, Dwayne Jenkins

**Welcome/Introduction** – Jon Lourie called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Motion:** (Blake, Camacho) the Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee approved the March 2009 minutes

**Motion** (Blake,Camacho) The Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee voted to support the project to include CPTED review by Police regarding safety and the phasing issue that the Committee believe need to be explored and addressed prior to Site Plan . (5 in favor, 3 opposed).

**Motion:** (Blake, Nettles) the Silver Spring Urban District Committee unanimously agreed to write to the PHED Committee advocating the budget.

**Motion:** (Blake, Camacho) the Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee voted unanimously to write a letter in opposition of Bill 17-09 which would take revenue generated for the Silver Spring Parking Lot District to fund bus services throughout the County. (*See informational materials section of packet for finalized letter to Council President.*)

### **Marketing and Special Events**

Susan Hoffman reported that:

- The report is in section 2 on page 11. The line-up is completed for the Silver Spring Summer Concert Series and we have two less concerts because of anticipating budget cuts.
- The Jazz Festival will be on September 12.

### **Youth Resources**

Dwayne Jenkins reported that:

- As a key strategy in the County Executive's Positive Youth Development Initiative to support youth in reaching their full potential, to reduce risky behavior and to assure community safety, three communities were selected for a pilot Community Based Collaborations (CBC)- Long Branch, Wheaton and

Germantown. The Long Branch CBC serves as a forum for mobilizing resources to create quality support and opportunity for youth. The CBC consists of community leaders, public and private service providers, and parents as well as faith-based and business representatives from the Silver Spring/Long Branch community.

- The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) applied for and was awarded a two-year Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program Grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. The grant expires on September 30, 2009 and the funds are to be used to support the Community-Based Collaborations (CBC) for Gang Prevention and Positive Youth Development as well as to develop collaborative, public-private strategies to reduce gang activity in the above communities.
- The Long Branch Community-Based Collaborative has approximately \$50,000.00, which can be used to implement programs and provide services to youth in Long Branch via direct payment process to vendors/providers. During the last Long Branch CBC meeting members participated in a brainstorming session to generate ideas for collaborative summer projects that could be funded through the Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Grant. Staff reviewed and categorized the ideas generated during the brain storming session. Via an electronic survey, members of the CBC were asked to select five projects to implement in Long Branch this summer. Based upon feedback from the survey, the following five projects were recommended for implementation: Youth Art Exhibits, Neighborhood Clean-ups/Block Parties, Series of intergenerational activities and discussions, Creation of Youth Leadership Council, including a series of Youth Leadership Training Sessions, Combination Project: Community Youth Mapping, Peace Activities, and other summer activities. During the month of May, staff will finalize the project time line, budget and deliverables. Youth will be empowered as part of the planning and implementation process. As we move forward to develop the programming, we will try and incorporate activities that could extend into downtown area. I will attend another Committee meeting with an update and invite you all to the next CBC meeting scheduled sometime in June at the Long Branch Community Center.

### **Urban District Report**

Yvette Freeman reported that:

- The Urban District reported is located on page 13 of the packet.
- 18 individuals attend the pre-submission from 14 companies interested in submitting a bid for the Urban District landscaping RFP. Proposals are due on May 1, they will be evaluated, interviews and go through the rating system to determine who the selected contractor will be. Our contract with Rupert goes until September 2009.
- Part of the issues on Fidler Lane has been resolved regarding the condition of the street but across from the Portico Project there are pavers pulled up and utilities that are being located. The Portico has to get refunded by PEPCO and they owe PEPCO and can not pay them the money.

Jon Lourie suggested that the subject of crosswalks and pedestrian safety be on the May agenda for discussion.

### **Director Reports**

Roylene Roberts reported that:

- T&E Committee accepted the recommendation and will recommend to Council that pavers be permitted in the right of way when specific installation standards are met.
- WSSC Water Line Relocation is nearly complete and pavers were replaced.
- Silver Spring Library Charrette first meeting is this evening at the Gwendolyn Coffield Community Center 7 to 9 pm.
- Fresh Farm Market opens Saturday, April 18, 2009
- Earth Day 5K Silver Spring Run, Sunday April, 19
- Fenton Village Forum, Wednesday, April 22 at 7p.m., Nora School
- Veridan Grand Opening, Saturday April 25 -26
- Youth Job Expo, Saturday, April 25
- Silver Spring Swings Summer Concert Series, starting Thursday, June 18, 7 p.m., Silver Plaza @ the Fountain.

### **Old Business**

#### **Urban District Budget Reports**

- Jon Lourie distributed the motion by e-mail, Bob Middleton indicated that his computer was down and did not receive the e-mail. Chair passed 8 ½" x 11 paper to Mr. Middleton. The Chair requested motion up or down and asked someone to move the motion (Blake, Nettles) call for vote unanimous no motion read into record. Note: (No motion)
- Jon Lourie announced we discussed the Retreat at the last meeting and he sent out an e-mail regarding dates and there is an abundance of conflicts. I proposed to the Committee that we have the retreat at the Committee next meeting date in May 21 or we can wait until September.

The Committee agreed that the Retreat be held in September 2009.

### **New Business**

Susan Hoffmann commented that the new street banners are up announcing the Farmers Market opening, April 18.

5:55 p.m. Meeting adjourned

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